PRAYER

Against Asmodeus and Osmodeus

Ephesians 6:10-11, 18 “10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the LORD, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of GOD, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 18 Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (GOD’s consecrated people).”

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Preface

These prayers have been written according to personal opinions and convictions, which are gathered from many counseling sessions and our interpretation of the Word of GOD, the Bible.

In no way have these prayers been written to discriminate against any persons, churches, organizations, and/or political parties. We ask therefore that you handle this book in the same manner.

What does it mean to renounce something?

To renounce means to speak of one's self. If something has been renounced it has been rejected, cut off, or the individual is refusing to follow or obey. Other words that fit with the subject of renunciations include refuse, repudiate, and resist. It is a joy to realize that by the act of our repentance, we can appropriate the finished work of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus). His shed Blood reverses all curses.

Scripture says:

Proverbs 28:13 *"13 He who covers his transgressions will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes his sins will obtain mercy."*

We have seen the effect in so many people's lives of confessing, repenting, and turning away from the idolatry and demonic covenants that have permeated their very existence, unbeknown to them. The fact that this exists is truly an evil demonic plot against the Body of Messiah.

2 Corinthians 4:2 *"2 We have renounced disgraceful ways (secret thoughts, feelings, desires and underhandedness, the methods and arts that men hide through shame); we refuse to deal craftily (to practice trickery and cunning) or to adulterate or handle dishonestly the Word of GOD, but we state the truth openly (clearly and candidly). And so we commend ourselves in the sight and presence of GOD to every man's conscience."*

Y'shua (Jesus) calls us to be actively engaged seeking freedom and wholeness, no matter what our life experiences.

GOD's Word gives us a promise:

Isaiah 54:17 *"17 But no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall show to be in the wrong. This [peace, righteousness, security, triumph over opposition] is the heritage of the servants of the LORD [those in whom the ideal Servant of the LORD is reproduced]; this is the righteousness or the vindication which they obtain from Me [this is that which I impart to them as their justification], says the LORD."*

Guidelines for using the prayers of renunciation …

The Book of James highlights very clearly for us that there is a two-fold step in order to be released from all bondages.

James 4:7 *"7 So be subject to GOD. Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you."*

The two-legged renunciation of occultic involvement is:

1. Confession of involvement.

To confess involvement, the prayer is read out loud, preferably with one or more witnesses present, as well as with a trained counselor. The reason for this is so that the individual will have a memorial of remembrance of the renunciation prayer. These prayers are similar to proclamations … as such we encourage you to declare them boldly and in faith, covered by the Blood of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus).

James 5:16 *"16 Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]."*

Only half of the renunciation process has been completed at this stage. The next part is very important. This is where the counselor is essential.

2. Warfare … resist the enemy.

The counselor now comes in agreement with the individual and conducts spiritual warfare against the kingdom of darkness as the Holy Spirit leads to deal with each one of the elements that is contained in the prayer.

In writing these prayers, we have tried to highlight or bold certain key words — such as the powers of darkness involved and the effects of involvement — that we feel are important, and which need to be specially addressed.

The powers are rebuked, bound, uprooted from the bloodline, and commanded to become a footstool to the Messiah Y'shua (Jesus). Remember to also cut the individual loose from the man-made laws and institutions of the organization/s involved.

These prayers are however only a *guideline*.

If there are concepts or sections that the Holy Spirit highlights for you as you pray, then we encourage you to address these, and ask the Holy Spirit to direct you on how to bring the breakthrough.

Remember, He is our Perfect Teacher and Counselor!

Psalm 110:1 *"THE LORD (GOD) says to my Lord (the Messiah), Sit at My right hand, until I make Your adversaries Your footstool. [Matt. 26:64; Acts 2:34; I Cor. 15:25; Col. 3:1; Heb. 12:2.]"*

Hebrews 1:13, 10:13 *"13 Besides, to which of the angels has He ever said, Sit at My right hand [associated with Me in My royal dignity] till I make your enemies a stool for your feet? [Ps. 110:1.] 13 Then to wait until His enemies should be made a stool beneath His feet. [Ps. 110:1.]"*

3. Restoration with the Kingdom of GOD.

Finally, the individual must choose to submit under the Law of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus).

Galatians 3:10 *"10 And all who depend on the Law [who are seeking to be justified by obedience to the Law of rituals] are under a curse and doomed to disappointment and destruction, for it is written in the Scriptures, Cursed (accursed, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment) be everyone who does not continue to abide (live and remain) by all the precepts and commands written in the Book of the Law and to practice them."*

In conclusion, we leave you with the blessing commanded by the FATHER … May He be your Shield, your Light, and Shalom (Peace). May He grant you the victory in all things, that you may learn of His Ways, and SH'MA[1] (hear and do).

Blessings!

[1] For additional study, please see the article *"Sh'ma — A Hebraic Concept That Everyone Can Embrace"* written by William G. Bullock, Sr., available from the website.

Declaration[2] of CONFIDENCE in GOD's Protection

No weapon that is formed against us shall prosper and every tongue, which rises against us in judgment, we do condemn. This is our heritage as servants of the LORD, and our righteousness is from You, O LORD of Hosts. If there are those who have been speaking or praying against us, or seeking harm or evil to us, or who have rejected us, we forgive them and, having forgiven them, we bless them in the Name of the LORD

Matthew 5:43-45 *"43 You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy; 44 But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 To show that you are the children of your FATHER Who is in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the wicked and on the good, and makes the rain fall upon the upright and the wrongdoers [alike]."*

Romans 12:14 *"14 Bless those who persecute you [who are cruel in their attitude toward you]; bless and do not curse them."*

Now we declare, O LORD, that You and You alone are our GOD, and besides You there is no other — a just GOD and Saviour, the FATHER, the Son and the Spirit — and we worship You!

We submit ourselves afresh to You this day in unreserved obedience. Having submitted to You, LORD, we do as Your Word directs. We resist the devil — all his pressures, his attacks, and his deceptions, every instrument or agent he would seek to use against us. We do not submit! We resist him, drive him from us and exclude him from us in the Name of Y'shua (Jesus). Specifically, we reject and repel infirmity, pain, infection, inflammation, malignancies, allergies, viruses and every form of witchcraft.

Finally, LORD, we thank You that through the sacrifice of Y'shua (Jesus) on the cross, we have passed out from under the curse and entered into the blessing of Abraham, whom You blessed in all things — exaltation, health, reproduction, prosperity, victory and GOD's Favour.

Galatians 3:13-14 *"13 Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified); 14 To the end that through [their receiving] Christ Jesus, the blessing [promised] to Abraham might come upon the Gentiles, so that we through faith might [all] receive [the realization of] the promise of the [Holy] Spirit."*

AMEN!

[2] Written by Derek and Ruth Prince

Sealing-Off Prayer BEFORE Deliverance

Dear Heavenly FATHER, we come to You in the Name of Messiah Y'shua[3] (Jesus Christ) of Nazareth. We thank You that You are GOD Almighty and that You are The Great I AM.

We thank You that You have given us the Holy Spirit to be the Counsellor, Standby, Advocate, Teacher, the Deliverer.

We thank You for Your Presence and for Your Deliverance Anointing — it is the Anointing that will break the yoke.

Come and fill us with Your Spirit, Compassion, Love, Discernment, Word of Knowledge, Wisdom, Interpretation, and Insight.

We as Your children choose to crucify the flesh so that nothing from ourselves will be transferred here. We clothe ourselves with Your Priestly Garments to fulfill the calling You have upon our lives. Open our spiritual eyes and ears FATHER.

Thank You FATHER, that You have given us all the power over the enemy and that nothing shall in any way harm us.

> ***Luke 10: 19*** *"19 Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you."*

We forbid any interference with the work of the Holy Spirit.

FATHER, we come against any communication lines (according to ***Ephesians 6:12***) between, the powers, world-rulers, principalities, spiritual hosts, and demonic hosts in the air, earth, heavenlies, and under the earth. We close off all entrances and exits, in the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ).

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[3] *Y'shua* (Hebrew) is Jesus' real name, which means "Salvation". We have no problem with the name "Jesus" — it is merely the Greek transliteration of "Y'shua". Jesus is the name most of us grew up with. Remember though, Y'shua was a Jew, of the Tribe of Judah, not a Greek. It's sort of like this … when you come to know someone's real name, you want to use it, hence the use of *Y'shua* instead of Jesus. Another powerful reason to use Y'shua is that every time you say His Name, you are proclaiming "Salvation". You will also note in some places, we have used the real Name of the FATHER, YHVH. The Name is made up of the Hebrew letters, **Y**od-**H**ey-**V**av-**H**ey, and is most commonly pronounced "Yahweh" or "Jehovah". Again, we have chosen to use this, as YHVH is the FATHER's Name.

We ask that all spiritual cameras and recorders be smashed in Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ). We come against any witches, witch doctors, magicians, and wizards in the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ). We cut off all communication with satan himself and close the doors in the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ).

We forbid any spirit from the outside to enter this place for whatever reason, and we forbid any evil spirit to be sent to any other place or person as a result of what happens here.

We now forbid any reinforcement of power from the side of satan in the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ). FATHER, we ask for confusion into the enemy's camp.

FATHER we ask You to set up Your warring angels in this room and arrest any human spirit, dead human spirit, spirit guide, familiar spirit … and remove them to become the footstool of our King Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ).

We bind every evil spirit in this place and forbid any violence, manifestations, and tormenting in the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ).

We refuse any meditation circles — isolate any power of demonic forces from each other in the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ).

We forbid and bind any hypnosis and self-hypnosis, meditation, physic powers in the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) of Nazareth. We isolate the powers one from another in Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ).

We cleanse the four elements — water, air, fire, and earth — with the Blood of Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ).

We ask You, FATHER, to cover all mirrors with Your Blood and seal off the gateways in Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ).

We come against any spells, rituals, incantations, hexes, sacrifices, curses, or altars raised up against us and the person.

Thank You that You blow out all candles which may have been lit in rituals against us in Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ). Thank You that all curses are reversed into blessings.

FATHER, we ask that You seal off this room with Your Precious Blood, that You will hide us in the Spirit and declare this room as holy ground.

FATHER, we ask You to send Your ministering angels to come and minister to us in Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) according to:

Hebrews 1:14 *"14 Are not the angels all ministering spirits (servants) sent out in the service [of GOD for the assistance] of those who are to inherit salvation?"*

We surrender to You, Holy Spirit of GOD, because we know that it is not by might, nor by power, but by Your Spirit (Zechariah 4:6) says the FATHER!

We ask that You cover our loved ones and we place all circumstances under Your Control and Protection (our finances, marriages, relationships, ministries). We now bind satan's kingdom here on earth just as it is bound in heaven.

We ask You FATHER to prepare the heavenly courtroom and that all the demons and familiar spirits come and take their places.

We ask You FATHER to be the Judge, Y'shua (Jesus) the Advocate, and the Holy Spirit the Witness.

Thank You for Your Word:

Revelation 12:11 *"11 And they have overcome (conquered) him by means of the blood of the Lamb and by the utterance of their testimony, for they did not love and cling to life even when faced with death [holding their lives cheap till they had to die for their witnessing]."*

… we have overcome the enemy by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony!

In the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus),

AMEN!

Prayer against Asmodeus and Osmodeus ...

Asmodeus and **Osmodeus**[4]

Marriage-breaking demons [divorce].

Asmodeus is a mythical spirit with characteristics such as: overpowering tendencies to rage, lust, impetuousness, impurity, and psychic activities.

If you have been divorced, you probably still have Asmodeus working in your life. It must be cast out in the Name of Y'shua [Jesus]. It is not the flesh and fleshy appetites – not a battle with the flesh – but a battle with a king of demons, who sits in the heavenly places.

Eerdmans Bible Dictionary states that in rabbinic literature, Asmodeus is called the "king of the demons", and is sometimes equated with ***Abaddon***, ***Apollyon***, and ***Beelzebub***. He is known as the "angel of the bottomless pit". It is important to understand the workings of this demonic principality, as in the last days this spirit will take on the form of locusts and will torture those human beings who do not bear the "Seal of God".

Abaddon is found in the following Scriptures:

Job 31:12 *"12 For [uncontrolled passion] is a fire which consumes to* ***Abaddon*** *(to destruction, ruin, and the place of final torment); [that fire once lighted would rage until all is consumed] and would burn to the root all my [life's] increase."*

Proverbs 27:20 *"20 Sheol (the place of the dead) and* ***Abaddon*** *(the place of destruction) are never satisfied; so [the lust of] the eyes of man is never satisfied."*

Proverbs 30:16 *"16* ***Sheol*** *(the place of the dead), the barren womb, the earth that is not satisfied with water, and the fire that says not, It is enough."*

Habakkuk 2:5 *"5 Moreover, wine and wealth are treacherous; the proud man [the Chaldean invader] is restless and cannot stay at home. His appetite is large like that of* ***Sheol*** *and [his greed] is like death and cannot be satisfied; he gathers to himself all nations and collects all people as if he owned them."*

Apollyon and Abaddon are found in:

Revelation 9:11 *"11 Over them as king they have the angel of the Abyss (of the bottomless pit). In Hebrew his name is* ***Abaddon*** *[destruction], but in Greek he is called* ***Apollyon*** *[destroyer]."*

In Hebrew, Asmodeus' name is Abaddon [destruction], but in Greek he is called Apollyon [destroyer].

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[4] Taken from http://www.demonbuster.com/marriage.html

Beelzebub is found in:

Mark 3:22 *"22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, He is possessed by* ***Beelzebub****, and, By [the help of] the prince of demons He is casting out demons."*

Asmodeus is warring against all marriages and is also keeping many from getting married. He is sometimes referred to as "the genius of matrimonial discord and jealousy". Because he has remained a relatively unknown spirit, he has masqueraded in many forms, deceiving scores of people and taking them captive. He says, "If you will serve me, you will never want for anything … I will take care of all your needs and you will never need a husband". It sounds very good – almost like the LORD speaking – but it was a wrong [demonic] spirit.

Satan is trying to prevent marriages from taking place, or he is trying to break up existing, longstanding relationships. Because marriage is a sacred institution and is holy before GOD, it has great significance in the spirit realm.

The marriage ceremony speaks of a day when the ultimate wedding will take place – the wedding between GOD's Son and His Bride. This is the reason satan is doing everything he can to prevent any marriage from taking place.

Researchers have pointed out that Asmodeus has many characteristics, some that even sound beneficial. On the one hand he is jealous, filled with rage, lustful and given to extreme excesses. On the other, he loves to have a good time, is sympathetic, and is very religious. Early church history points him out as the one that desired to possess young women in Christian service, to make them lustful – to destroy them and their ministry-work.

In mythical writings, Asmodeus is the one who killed the husbands of a young woman named Sara. The first time she was to be married her husband died on their wedding night. Sara married seven times, however, in each case her husband died on the wedding night. The reason was that Asmodeus wanted this woman all to himself.

It has been said that this spirit drove Solomon to all of his excesses. In his last years, he missed the mark, allowing himself to open up to wrong spirits. That example alone should prove that none of us are above falling or missing it, even after years of Christian service or ministry. The Scripture tells us that the "devil goes about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour". It is then necessary for us to be on guard at all times against the devil's tactics.

Because Asmodeus is also a lustful spirit, he will motivate a marriage partner to be unfaithful, thus bringing in an adulterous spirit.

Many marriages have been destroyed because of adultery, extreme jealousy, rage and physical abuse. Remember that men – as well as women – can be affected by Asmodeus.

No matter how much you pray you cannot be set free [unless it comes as a miracle]. You must cast demons OUT, as according to Mark 16:17.

Mark 16:17 *"17 And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages;"*

Messiah Y'shua [Jesus] came to destroy the works of the devil and bring deliverance to the captives – as in the casting OUT of demons. Going through deliverance is the only way to be set free from these marriage-breaking spirits.

Because he is a religious spirit, Asmodeus is the same demon that tells people they should get a divorce so they can better serve the LORD. In fact, somebody actually prophesied this to a minister. The word sounded "good" to the man because his wife was not a Christian. Within days, however, she got saved and he realized that a deceiving spirit had been speaking to him.

A lie that Asmodeus tells single people is that they should stay single. The Scripture does tell us [Matthew 19:12] that there are those who are definitely called to be single, but it is the exception rather than the rule. Many young people have labored intensely over the issue of whether or not they should get married. For those struggling with this decision, we encourage that it is safe to assume that unless GOD definitely shows you otherwise – and He will if it is His Will – it is His Plan for you to be married, provided it is to the right individual, and right time.

The ploy of satan has been to destroy every Christian. Satan is being exposed, and his ruler-demons are finally being named in order that victory for GOD's People can be realized!

Prayer for **deliverance**[5] …

Please note, the following prayer is merely a *guideline*. We encourage you to seek the Holy Spirit, and be led by Him. Remember, He is our *Perfect* Counsellor and will lead you into ALL Truth.

FATHER, in the Name of Y'shua [Jesus], I forgive my spouse for anything he/she has done to hurt me. I forgive my spouse for _____
(*make a list of specific instances where you were wounded and what happened. Work through each one in detail until you experience a release*).

After prayer, bind the satanic powers and break all spirit and soul-ties between this spirit – Asmodeus – and yourself and/or spouse.

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[5] For additional study, please see our *"Journey2Freedom"* series. Another excellent resource is Derek Prince's book, *"They Shall Expel Demons"*.

List of demons to cast out, in the Name of Y'shua [Jesus]:

- Greed, never satisfied, restlessness,
- Barren womb, pride, destruction,
- Overpowering tendencies,
- Locusts,
- Uncontrolled passion,
- Lust, fire which consumes, lust of the eyes,
- Destroyer, burn with passion,
- Rejection, adultery, matrimonial discord,
- King of evil spirits,
- Treacherousness,
- Prince of demons, impetuousness, Beelzebub, impurity, "lord of flies",
- Psychic activities, satan, jealousy,
- Chief of demons, religious, Baal the prince,
- Extreme excesses, lord of heaven, spiritual death,
- Prince of scorpions,
- Torture, rage,
- Abaddon,
- Asmodeus, Apollyon.

This list of demons is only a guideline to begin with. As the Holy Spirit shows you other demons associated with Asmodeus, simply cast them out in the Name of Y'shua [Jesus].

AMEN!

WRAPPING-UP Prayer AFTER Deliverance (for the counsellor)

Dear Heavenly FATHER,

Thank You for the work being done here today. We pray against any whiplash, backlash, and judgment from the enemy in the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ).

We ask FATHER, that You will cut any un-Godly spirit/soul-ties formed in the spirit because of the deliverance that took place, also any transference that took place between their spirit, soul, and body to my spirit, soul and body. We plant the Cross of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) between myself and the counselee. Thank You that no transference will take place. We take Your Comprehensive Insurance for our families, relationships, and possessions.

We ask that You will cleanse and purify this property and this room with the Blood of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) of Nazareth and Your Holy Fire, that no demon will attach itself to any object and all human and dead human spirits be removed by Your escort angels to the footstool of King Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ). That all defilement be removed and swept away with Your Broom of destruction in Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ).

FATHER, we ask that You remove any watchdog and marker demons, that have been assigned by the kingdom of darkness to mark the property in the spirit for a counter attack through astral projection, to the Feet of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ).

We also want to declare the Kingship of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) of Nazareth over this place and that all openings[6] are sealed off with Your Blood.

AMEN!

Remember to go before the FATHER and shower yourself with the Water of the Word. You may also want to perform a *mikvah*[7] (baptism), to symbolize a cleansing after deliverance. Remember too to enter into praise and worship and fill yourself with the FATHER's Presence again.

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[6] Openings include telephone and fax lines, computers, water pipes and sewerage, electricity circuits, Wi-Fi networks.

[7] For additional study, see our book *"J2F Understanding Water Baptism And The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit"*

In closing, after these curses have been dealt with and broken, it is very important to restore BLESSINGS ... we want to encourage ***fathers*** to take this calling seriously, and to begin **BLESSING** their families according to the Commandment of the LORD that the priests bless with the following blessing ...

The Priestly Blessing ...

Numbers 6:24-26

"24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:
25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: 26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

The Priestly Blessing ...

Hebraic Translation[8]

"YHVH will kneel before you presenting gifts, and He will guard you with a hedge of protection, YHVH will illuminate the wholeness of His Being toward you, bringing order, and He will provide you with love, sustenance, and friendship, YHVH will lift up the wholeness of His Being and look upon you, and He will set in place all you need to be whole and complete."

[8] Translation by Jeff A. Benner, for more information, please see http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/12_blessing.html

The Priestly Blessing[1]

יְבָרֶכְךָ יְהוָה וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ׃

and may he guard you the LORD may he bless you

May the LORD[2] bless you[3] and keep you[4]

יָאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וִיחֻנֶּךָּ׃

and show you favor on you his face the LORD May he shine

May the LORD make His face[5] shine[6] upon you and be gracious[7] to you

יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וְיָשֵׂם לְךָ שָׁלוֹם׃

peace for you and establish on you his face the LORD may he lift up

May the LORD lift up[8] his face to you and give you peace[9]

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[1] This blessing is (ritually) recited (by the kohanim) during synagogue services during *Nesiat Kapayim* ("the Raising of the Hands"), though it is also recited over children on Friday night before the start of the Shabbat meal or as a bedtime blessing.

[2] The name *YHVH* (יהוה) represents God's attributes of love and mercy (מִדַּת הָרַחֲמִים), in contradistiction to the name *Elohim* (אֱלֹהִים), which represents God's attribute of justice and power as our Creator.

[3] בְּרָכָה (*b'rachah*). Jewish tradition considers this both material and spiritual prosperity. Pirkei Avot 3:15 says, "If there is no flour, there is no Torah," by which is meant that material benefits are intended to help you pursue study of Torah. The first occurrence of the word "blessing" in the Scriptures pertains to *pru urvu* (פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ), "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:22).

[4] שָׁמַר (*shamar*): To guard, protect, heed, as in the exercise of diligent care. Only God has the power to secure the conferred blessing and keep it from turning sour or from fading away.

[5] The word for "face" (פָּנִים) is plural with the 3rd person singular ending. It is considered metaphorical since God is incorporeal. The plural form is thought by some to indicate God's revealed and hidden attributes in creation.

[6] The hiphil verb (יָאֵר) comes from the word "light" (אוֹר), and is thought to refer to God's wisdom. "May God enlighten you" with His wisdom, i.e., the Divine Light that preceded the work of creation (Gen. 1:3).

[7] May God grant you grace or favor (חֵן), i.e., to understand the "breadth and length and height and depth" of God's love (Eph. 3:18). Grace refers to the bestowal of an undeserved gift. The blessing is bestowed even though unearned or unmerited.

[8] Since one's face is an indication of the heart's attitude, Rashi says that this means God will suppress His anger by "looking at you" (if God is angry at you, He "turns His face away" and refuses to admit your presence). The "lifting of face" also pictures God lifting you up as a father might lift up his child in joy. The "showing of face" indicates spiritual intimacy.

[9] All of the other blessings are useless without the establishment of inner peace, and therefore it is the seal of the blessing. Shalom (שָׁלוֹם) is not simply the absence of strife, but a balance and harmony between the finite and infinite, the temporal and the eternal, the material and the spiritual realms. Shalom is a gift from Sar Shalom (שַׂר שָׁלוֹם), the Prince of Peace.